

**COMMITTEE OF LIAISON  
WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)**

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On December 23, 1969, she sent a telegram as follows:

"Cora Weiss  
Womens Strike for Peace  
San Francisco Calif.

"As the result of you recent trip to Hanoi I have been informed that my husband is dead either in the ejection from aircraft or in captivity. Since I have no means of verification other than hearsay evidence this information does nothing but add further torment to my horrendous circumstances.

"How pray tell as the courier of this information do you suggest that I seek verification for the sake of myself and my children.

"yours in deepest agony

"Mrs. [REDACTED]

E.O. 12812-2

On December 25, 1969, she telephonically contacted Mrs. Duckles and made an appointment to see her in San Francisco on December 26, 1969. She met Mrs. Duckles on that date and spoke with her for about two and a half hours. She said that Mrs. Duckles told her that a North Vietnamese hostess had given her a slip of paper containing the names of five American servicemen who were known to be dead and her husband's name appeared on this piece of paper. She asked Mrs. Duckles to see the paper, Mrs. Duckles advised she did not have it.

On January 30, 1970, she received the following letter from Cora Weiss:

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"Dear Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c

"Your wire to me in Los Angeles was forwarded to New York and I just received it. I understand, and am most sympathetic.

"By now you probably have heard from the State Dept that I received a wire on Dec. 27 from Hanoi verifying that five pilots killed 'in their air raid' and not in prison. Mr. [REDACTED] is among the five. b7c

"This news was most difficult for the Vietnamese to give me while we were in Vietnam, and needless to say is most difficult for me, as a wife and mother, to have to forward to you.

"There is little I can add, except to extend my sincerest sympathy. Further verification is, of course, unavailable here, but you must understand that the Vietnamese would have absolutely no reason to alter such facts. They have thus far been very straight with us as to the status of those about whom we have inquired.

"I understand that you have spoken with Mrs. Duckles.

"My best wishes to you and your family for the New Year, and again, I am most sorry to have to be the bearer of such news.

b7c "s/ Cora Heiser"

"Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she has never had any contact with the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. She added that she believed the following individuals have been in contact with that committee:

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Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Washington

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Florida

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] California

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Virginia

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] New Jersey

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] California

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] California

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] California

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] New York

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] North Carolina

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[REDACTED] Louisiana

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] California

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Virginia

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Oklahoma

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] California

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] South Dakota

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] North Dakota

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Florida

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Louisiana

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Alabama

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Mrs. [REDACTED] concluded by stating that the June issue of the Air Force and Space Digest, published by the Air Force Committee, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue N. W., Washington, D. C., contained the names and addresses of the families of prisoners of the North Vietnamese.

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We hope that this information clarifies some aspects of correspondence for you. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.



20 S. 12th Street • Philadelphia, Pa. 19107 • Telephone: LO 4-5570-1

December 17, 1969

Dear

I have just returned from Hanoi and the officials there were preparing to mail letters to a group of prisoner's families. They asked me if I would take them back to the States to insure quicker delivery. Needless to say I was delighted to comply and am enclosing the letter addressed to you.

*Ethel Taylor*

Ethel Taylor  
1505 Ashford Way  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19151  
215-642-9078

N. VIETNAM

*Acknowledged  
12/22/69*

*12/22/69*

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2-2/dec/70  
Committee of Liaison With  
Families of Servicemen Detained  
in North Vietnam (COLIFAM)

On July 6, 1970, Mr. [REDACTED] furnished  
a letter he had received from COLIFAM, which letter is  
dated June 28, 1970. A copy of this letter is attached  
hereto.

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Dear friends:

We are very happy to send you the enclosed letter. It, along with 105 others, was brought back to this country by a group of anti-war people who have just returned from a visit to North Vietnam.

This brings to a total of 1,110 letters which the Committee of Liaison has forwarded on to families since last December.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Webster*

Barbara Webster

N.Y. N. Vietnam

Affiliated with Subject Organization

Date 7/16/70

(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (100-373) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH  
VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
IS - MISC;  
REGISTRATION ACT  
OO: NEW YORK

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 2/21/93 BY SP3  
fow/mms Special EO 12958

Re Columbia airtel to the Bureau dated 7/2/70.

On July 15, 1970, IC [redacted] ascertained  
from the records of the U. S. Navy, Navy Annex, Personnel -  
Casualty Section, Arlington, Virginia, through [redacted]  
that [redacted]  
[redacted] listed his nearest relatives as Mr. and  
Mrs. [redacted]  
[redacted] South Carolina [redacted] and telephone  
number [redacted]

LEAD:

COLUMBIA DIVISION

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AT SOUTH CAROLINA. Will interview  
Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] in accordance with  
instructions previously furnished in captioned matter.

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- 2 - Columbia (100-909) (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-168469) (RM)

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Approved:

Sent

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APPENDIX

WOMEN STRIKE FOR PEACE,  
Also Known As  
Women's International Strike for Peace

A source advised on May 12, 1969, that the Women Strike for Peace (WSP) in the Southern California area began its operations in the late fall of 1961, as an affiliate of the national organization formed that year in Washington, D.C.

WSP is a peace oriented women's organization which is opposed to the present United States foreign policy in Vietnam. It has also sought legislation which would bring about the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In addition to conducting numerous letter writing campaigns on subjects which concern current United States civil rights and foreign policy problems, WSP locally has become quite active in draft counseling. This counseling, in the form of providing information concerning alternatives to the draft, has taken place at an increasingly consistent pace. WSP feels that these forms of opposing United States intervention in Vietnam have been quite effective and more effective than frequent participation in demonstrations protesting the war in Vietnam.

The same source stated that WSP is a non-membership organization and has no officers. The organization is open to women of all political persuasions who are interested in world peace. No effort is made to exclude from its activities members of, or persons sympathetic to, the Communist Party and related groups.

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The first source advised that Southern California WSP maintains its office at 5899 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 7/17/70

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-12009) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
(COLIFAM)  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS  
REGISTRATION ACT

OO: NEW YORK

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DATE 7/24/93 BY SP3 [redacted] b2c

Re New York airtel to Bureau dated 6/9/70, and San Antonio letter to Bureau dated 6/16/70.

In referenced San Antonio letter, it was suggested by that office that representatives of the military service be contacted at SOG level for information regarding prisoners of war in order to conserve investigative time in the various field offices. Also, San Antonio in this letter suggested that [redacted] United We Stand organization in Dallas be contacted in connection with instant investigation if there was no reason known to the Bureau why he should not be interviewed.

Accordingly, UACB, [redacted] will be interviewed at Dallas, Texas, to ascertain if he might have any information concerning activities of subject organization, or might have names of individuals who might be contacted with respect to possible activity of the organization.

It is noted that [redacted] of United We Stand, a non-profit organization headed by ROSS PEROT, information concerning which organization and PEROT is known to the Bureau.

(2-Bureau (RM))  
(2-New York (100-168469) (RM))  
(2-Dallas)

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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DL 100-12009

LEAD:

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will advise as to the present plan for obtaining information concerning POWs; that is, whether or not it will be handled at headquarters of the armed services at Washington, or whether each office is to determine through whatever sources available, or servicemen or families should be contacted in the field.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>SAN DIEGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>7/6/70</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>6/10/70 - 7/6/70</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED] b7c</b>	TYPED BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
CHARACTER OF CASE <b>IS - MISCELLANEOUS; REGISTRATION ACT - NORTH VIETNAM</b>			

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 6/9/70 at San Diego.  
New York airtel and LHM dated 6/9/70.

LEADS:

SAN DIEGO

AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA (1) Will locate and interview Mrs. [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] b7c b2c

AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA (1) Will interview Mrs. [REDACTED] to determine if she has had any contacts with COLIFAM. If so, handle pursuant to instructions set out in re New York airtel.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
								PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
								PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b>	ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW
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By	6046-7070			

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:  
Date:SA [REDACTED]  
July 6, 1970

Office:

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Title:

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS;  
REGISTRATION ACT - NORTH VIETNAM

Synopsis:

On 7/6/70, Mrs. [REDACTED] was interviewed at [REDACTED] California, and advised that she has been in telephonic contact with MAGGIE GEDDES of COLIFAM and has subsequently received two letters dated 4/20/70 and 5/4/70 from the committee. Mrs. [REDACTED] was interviewed on 7/6/70 at [REDACTED] California and advised that on 12/27/69 she personally visited COLIFAM committee member MADELINE DUCKLES at Berkeley, California, who admitted being in touch with the "Vietnamese Committee For Solidarity" and the North Vietnam Minister of Health in Hanoi, North Vietnam. Mrs. [REDACTED] has also been in telephonic contact with co-chairman CORA WEISS and was furnished a Xerox copy of a cable dated 3/7/70 from Hanoi confirming the death of her husband.

DETAILS:AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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345,570  
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 10/19/93 BY [REDACTED]

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Date July 6, 1970

*E.O. 12812-2*

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(Mrs. [redacted] California, advised that on April 8, 1970 MAGGIE GEDDES telephoned her from New York City about 7:10AM and identified herself as being with the "Committee Of Liaison With Families Of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam". MAGGIE GEDDES advised that she wanted to be sure that Mrs. [redacted] had been told that her husband was alive and was a prisoner in North Vietnam.

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Mrs. [redacted] stated that she has never written any letters to the above named committee but furnished the following two letters dated April 20, 1970 and May 4, 1970, received by her subsequent to her conversation with GEDDES.

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7/6/70 [redacted] California File # 3D 105-7282

SA [redacted] 7/6/70

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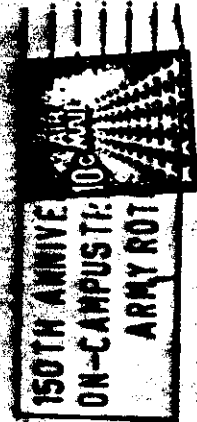
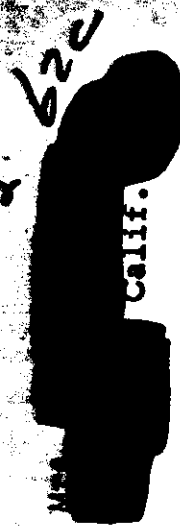
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### Staff

April 20, 1970

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Rev. Richard Fernandez, a member of this Committee, has just returned from a two week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. While there, he saw and interviewed three pilots and travelled through the country.

Rev. Fernandez brought back 202 letters from pilots. He was informed by Vietnamese authorities that while you may have written letters to your husband they have not successfully reached their destination.

The Vietnamese, have asked us, therefore to let you know this and to ask you to use the enclosed letter form when writing once a month. Rev. Fernandez was also informed that letters should be about matters of family and health.

Packages, which are permitted every other month, under six pounds, should include toilet items and tinned foods. Instant coffee and powdered milk or cream was suggested by the pilots with whom he met and they stressed that clothing should not be included.

We send mail regularly in packages to the Camp of Detention and would be happy to forward your letters as well, although you certainly may send the mail directly as addressed on the letter form. We expect to be receiving mail from prisoners in packages on a regular basis and will be forwarding them to you as fast as we get them.

Please feel free to call or write if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

*Cora Weiss*  
Cora Weiss  
Co-Chairman

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**NGƯỜI GỬI (Addressor)**

**HỌ TÊN (Name in full):** \_\_\_\_\_

**SỐ QUÂN (Service number):** \_\_\_\_\_

**NGÀY VÀ NƠI SINH (Date & place of birth):** \_\_\_\_\_

**ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):**

**TRẠI GIAM PHI CÔNG MỸ BỊ BẮT TẠI  
NƯỚC VIỆT-NAM DÂN CHỦ CỘNG HÒA**

*(Camp of detention for U.S. pilots captured  
in the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC of VIETNAM)*

**VIA MOSCOW, USSR**

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**GỬI (Addressee)**

**HỌ TÊN (Name in full):** \_\_\_\_\_

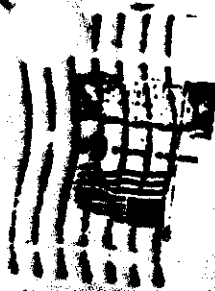
**ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):** \_\_\_\_\_  
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NGÀY VIẾT (Dated) \_\_\_\_\_

**CHÚ Ý (N.B.):**

1. Phải viết rõ và chỉ được viết trên những dòng kẻ sẵn (*Write legibly and only on the lines*).
2. Trong thư chỉ được nói về tình hình sức khỏe và tình hình gia đình (*Write only about health and family*).
3. Tín hiệu gửi đến cũng phải theo đúng mẫu, khuôn khổ và quy định này (*Letters from families should also conform to this format*).

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[REDACTED] California

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**SỐ QUÂN (Service number):**

**NGÀY VÀ ĐỊA ĐIỂM SINH (Date & place of birth):**

**ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):**

**TRẠI GIAM PHI CÔNG MỸ BỊ BẮT TẠI  
NƯỚC VIỆT - NAM DÂN CHỦ CỘNG HÒA  
VIA MOSCOW, USSR (Camp of detention for U.S. pilots captured  
in the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC of VIETNAM)**

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**GỬI (Addressee)**

**HỌ TÊN (Name in full):**

**ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):**





## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date July 6, 1970

**Mrs. [REDACTED]** California, advised that on or about December 27, 1969, she travelled to Berkeley, California and visited with MARILYN DUCKLES at her home, address not recalled. b7c

**Mrs. [REDACTED]** stated that the reason for her visit was to ask DUCKLES details concerning her recent contact with North Vietnamese concerning U.S. prisoners of war currently incarcerated in North Vietnam. b7c

DUCKLES advised **Mrs. [REDACTED]** that information given to her by the "Vietnamese Committee For Solidarity" which she described as a liaison group between the North Vietnamese Government and DUCKLES "Group" (not further identified at that time) indicated that her husband had been killed in an air raid while detained as a prisoner of war. b7c

**Mrs. [REDACTED]** offered to pay DUCKLES' way back to North Vietnam if she would ask for the return of her husband's body or further proof of his death but DUCKLES refused, stating that there was a total of five men who died in the air raid. However DUCKLES stated that she would write for more information from Hanoi. b7c

DUCKLES advised her that she had been in Hanoi on a visit recently and had personal contact with the North Vietnamese Minister of Health who had taken DUCKLES on a tour through various medical facilities. DUCKLES told **Mrs. [REDACTED]** that the North Vietnamese medical facilities were excellent. b7c

Late in January, 1970 or early February, 1970, **Mrs. [REDACTED]** recalled that she telephoned CONSTANCE WILES at the New York Office of the "Committee Of Liaison With Families Of Servicemen Detained In North Vietnam". On that occasion WILES stated that she had been in contact with the "Vietnamese Committee For Solidarity" and described that group as a liaison b7c

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SA [REDACTED]

California

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committee between COLIFAM and the North Vietnamese Government. WEISS was asked whether there might possibly have been some mistake in the earlier report of the death of Mrs. [REDACTED] husband where-  
upon WEISS advised that she would write or wire Hanoi for further confirmation of the death of [REDACTED] *b2c*

Mrs. [REDACTED] subsequently received a letter from CORA WEISS which apparently has been subsequently destroyed. This letter however advised Mrs. [REDACTED] of WEISS' sorrow to confirm the death of her husband, and enclosed a Xerox copy of a cable apparently sent from Hanoi to the office of COLIFAM in New York City dated March 6, 1970. *b2c*

That cable is hereinafter set forth in detail:

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HANOI 97/68 5 1345 P2/7TH STC.....

AT

COLIAFAM

NEWYORK

MAR 6 1970

RECEIVED FIVE CABLES DATED JANUARY TWENTY TWENTY FIVE  
TWENTY NINE FEBRUARY TEN AND TWENTY FOUR ASKING FOR INFORMATION  
ABOUT SERVICEMEN THE FOLLOWING FOURTEEN ARE NOW IN  
OUR CAMP CARL CHAMBERS FV3133401 ROBERT CRANVER FV3034313  
RENDAR CRAYTON 529059 MICHAEL P CRONIN 668952 MYRON  
DONALD FR80331 NRED AV FRANKE JUNIOR  
FRED W.

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513370 WAYNE GOODERMOTE 693919 PORTER HALYBURTON C677514 JOHN  
NEILIG 667042 GALAND KRAMER FV3155965 ALAN P LURIE FR65266  
EUGENE BARKER MCDANIEL 602046 GEORGE MCKNIGHT A03051289  
BRADLEY SMITH 682780 CONFIRM TERRY ARDEN DENNISON  
623395 KILLED IN AIR RAID VITNY

Viet Nam

FBI

Date: 7/13/70

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

**A I R T E L**

Via \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-15995) (P)

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
IS-MISC  
REGISTRATION ACT  
(OO: NEWYORK)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 7/29/93 BY 9803  
4593 SPANISH 7/28/2  
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Re New York airtel to Bureau, 6/9/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM  
dated and captioned as above. Two copies each of this LHM  
are enclosed for WFO and New York.

LEADS

WFO

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE

At Washington, D. C.

Will, through contact with appropriate military  
agencies, determine the home address of the following  
individuals from the Miami territory:

ROBERT BYRON FULLER  
Serial No. 50122

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- 2 - Bureau (Encl. 11) (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-168400) (Encl. 2) (RM) 10 JUL 15 1970
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Special Agent in Charge

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RALPH ELLIS GAITHER  
Serial No. 006365

KENNETH ADRIAN SIMONET  
Serial No. 23521

JAMES FAULDS YOUNG  
Serial No. FR46611

MIAMI

At [REDACTED] Florida

1. Will interview relatives of the following prisoners whose addresses have been determined:

Mrs. [REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED] b7c

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] parents  
of [REDACTED]

2. Will, upon coverage of lead by WFO, interview relatives of prisoners FULLER, GAITHER, SIMONET and YOUNG.

On 7/8/70, the following individuals were contacted regarding captioned organization with negative results:

Major CHARLES PHILLIPS  
Detachment Commander,  
Miami Field Office,  
11th M.I. Group

Special Agent LARRY CADLE  
Detachment Commander,  
OSI, Miami, Homestead Air Force Base

Special Agent [REDACTED] b7c  
WFO, Coconut Grove, Miami





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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

100-15995

Miami, Florida  
July 13, 1970

Committee of Liaison With  
Families of Servicemen Detained  
in North Vietnam (COLIFAM)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 2/7/81 BY [signature]

RECORDS OF "MIAMI HERALD" LIBRARY

On July 7, 1970, the records of the "Miami Herald" library were reviewed for information pertaining to above-captioned organization. The library contained the following clippings related to the organization, as follows:

"Miami Herald", March 27, 1970, page 5, Section B, contained an article, "Four Year Silence Ends, Two Miami Pilots Alive". The article stated that a package which contained 82 letters from 80 servicemen, including 34 previously unidentified, have been released in New York through COLIFAM. The article stated included among the prisoners was Allan Brunstrom, whose wife, Mrs. Brunstrom, 2153 Northwest 105th Terrace, Miami, Florida, could not be reached for comment. The other pilot was Michael Christopher Lane, whose parents formerly lived in South Miami but moved to Atlanta, Georgia, four years ago.

The "Miami Herald" of March 7, 1970, contained an article on page 1, Section B, "Four Year Wait Ends, Son Alive". The article stated that a North Miami Beach (Florida) couple had learned that their son, John Heilig, was alive and a prisoner in North Vietnam. Their address was given as Mr. and Mrs. John Heilig, 13221 Northeast 11th Court, and it was stated that they were notified of their son's status.

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~~Group 1~~

~~Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and declassification~~

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by COLIFAM. Mr. Heilig stated to the "Herald" that he had been contacted by COLIFAM the previous year by letter. He stated his son was a Navy pilot who has a wife and four-year-old daughter living in Hong Kong. Mr. Heilig stated the organization originally told him they planned to send medical supplies to North Vietnam and asked if the Heiligs would like to try to send a letter to their son. They sent a message and this was the first indication they had received that their son was still living.

The "Miami Herald" of June 27, 1970, page 8, Section D, contained a list of prisoners throughout the United States, provided by COLIFAM. Included in this list were the following from the South Florida area:

ALLAN L. BRUNSTROM,  
Serial Number A03023441,  
Miami

ROBERT BYRON FULLER  
Serial Number 542942  
North Miami Beach

RALPH ELLIS GAITHER  
Serial Number 686365  
Miami

JOHN HEILIG  
Serial Number 667042  
North Miami Beach

PETER VAN SCHOEFFEL  
Serial Number 584717  
Naples, Florida

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in North Vietnam (COLIFAM)**

**KENNETH ADRIAN SIMONET**  
Serial Number 23521  
West Palm Beach, Florida

**JAMES FAULDS YOUNG**  
Serial Number FR46611  
Hollywood, Florida

**INFORMATION REGARDING PRISONER PETER VAN SCHOEFFEL**

The "Naples Daily News" of June 28, 1970, contained an article captioned, "Naples' Man Confirmed as Red POW". This article stated that Commander Peter Van Ruyter Schoeffel son of retired Navy Rear Admiral and Mrs. Malcolm F. Schoeffel, had been listed as a prisoner of war by COLIFAM. b2c

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On June 29, 1970, Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] Florida, advised they have been receiving one letter a month from their son in North Vietnam since November 25, 1969. The last was received dated March 25, 1970. [REDACTED] stated that these letters are normally received through the regular mail and are usually accompanied by a cover letter explaining circumstances under which the letter was received and is being forwarded. [REDACTED] recalls one of these cover letters was signed with the name of Cora Weiss, received six to eight months ago, but he could not locate this letter. b2c

[REDACTED] made available a two-page letter dated May 4, 1970, which accompanied two letters dated January 21 and February 9, 1970, written by his son. A copy of this letter is attached hereto.

[REDACTED] also made available a copy of a letter dated December 17, 1969, written on the letterhead stationery of the Women Strike for Peace. [REDACTED] does not recall which of his son's letters this cover letter accompanied. A copy of this cover letter is attached hereto. b2c

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